

120 EX-ELWOOD PLANT WORKERS SEEK OVERTIME

In five suits filed in the federal court at Chicago yesterday, 120 former employees of the Elwood Ordnance Plant are seeking to recover in excess of \$500,000 in overtime pay and damages under the Fair Labor Standards act.

Named defendants in the five suits are: Seton Porter, Francis Blossom, Wynn Meredith, L. R. Shattuck, Robert L. Hamill, D. J. Walsh, Jr., Harrison Smith, Henry W. Butler and William E. Hamilton, co-partners doing business under the firm name of Sanderson & Porter.

THE EMPLOYEES who filed suit yesterday include floor ladies, foremen, assistant superintendents, inspectors and dispatchers. According to Attorneys Edward J. McLaughlin and George B. Craven, of Chicago, counsel for the employees, the workers were not paid at the rate of time and one-half for overtime. Nearly all the plaintiffs are residents of the Joliet area.

Similar suits for overtime have been filed against the U. S. Rubber company as operators of the Kankakee Ordnance plant. Attorneys Craven and McLaughlin successfully represented the members of the guard force at the EOP. On Sept. 27 of this year a judgment was entered in the district court in Chicago in favor of the former guards for

\$189,000, representing back pay. At that time the operators of the EOP alleged that the captains and lieutenants were executives and hence not entitled to overtime. However, Federal Judge Michael L. Igoe held that the captains and lieutenants were not executives of the company and that they were entitled to be paid overtime.

FOREMEN and assistant superintendents who instituted one of yesterday's suits are: Waldo L. Baldon, W. T. Baysinger, Roosevelt T. Begnoche, John W. Chladek, Harry J. Chatterton, Bert Clark, Leo P. Comerford, Earl M. DuFrain, Kenneth J. Eimen, John G. Hamilton, Robert B. Hartman, Francis R. Kneer, John J. Koerner, Joseph Lamberta, Adelbert Millican, Walter L. O'Hearn, Harry A. Oswald, Robert J. Otte, William H. Partridge, Earl L. Schmalz and Harvey A. Sersi.

Three bus dispatchers, Robert A. Ehrsam, Charles P. Harris and John J. Hennessey, together with William Kirban, supervisor of scales at the plant, are the plaintiffs in another suit filed yesterday.

Inspectors responsible for the

third suit filed are: Albert O. Bailey, Jacob C. Beam, Robert H. Conroy, Ward L. Edwards, John H. Fey, Gaylen E. Ford, James A. Glade, Walter J. Goebel, John F. Jeffrey, Michael C. Kelly, James S. Moore, Palmer E. Overholt, Homer M. Peters, Robert O. Schmitz, Mid J. Slack, Jr., John J. Smith, William A. Van Houten, Robert C. Walsh, Robert A. Welch, George T. Wetterhahn, Jr. and Robert C. Wilhelm.

THE FOURTH suit was instituted by foremen, assistant foremen and assistant superintendents. They are: Leonard Bertram, Robert F. Bolte, John H. Boucher, Bernard O. Brockett, Gerald Clennon, Stephen J. Colfer, Edward J. Copp, Thomas Corcoran, M. W. Defenbaugh, Alex W. Denshore, Frank J. DeMaster, James A. Dillon, William C. Dooley, Robert G. Dow, Donald D. Elsome, William E. Emanuelson, Harry E. Everist, R. J. Fitzgerald.

Also Bernard J. Fornango, Howard A. Fread, William D. Ganelts, Robert S. Gibson, Clarence G. Gillis, Russell J. Girot, Owen E. Golden, Joseph A. Gorman, Howard T. Gueller, Frank L. Guy, Walter W. Guyer, John W. Hooke, Fred B. Haling, Merlin A. Hanks, Charles E. Hansen, John A. Harzheim, Eugene W. Hunt, Frank M. Hynel, Chris J. M. Hensen, John H. Johnson, Jr., Everett H. Jorgenson, John T. Kelahan, Robert E. Kelly, S. Keogh, Elden J. Kistler, Andre P. Lombardi, John T. Mahan,

Donald F. Mancini, Glenn H. Milstead, M. L. Nelson, Melvin R. Nielsen.

Also Francis G. Oram, Dominic Paston, John B. Pate, Lee Redell, Willard G. Reed, Franklin C. Reils, Olaf P. Richardson, Michael Rora, Arthur Salvatore, Francis D. Sharkey, Joseph J. Sladish, Leo J. Smith, Robert C. Schan, William A. Testa, Leo A. Wagner, Edward J. Williams and W. E. Wolford.

Floor ladies who filed the fifth suit on the overtime matter in federal court are: Lillian Simpson Bertrand, Mary L. Butala, Lauretta R. Delaney, Helen F. Dillon, Orel B. Flakenberg, Marian M. Haverstuhel and Ann R. McFarland.